GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA

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TIME BOUND ELECTION FOR PRIs
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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to hold time bound Panchayat election in all States;

(b) if yes, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reason thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (Dr. C. P. JOSHI)

(a) to (c): The Constitution mandates that where Part-IX applies, Panchayat elections be conducted every five years, under the overall superintendence, direction and control of the State Election Commission. The Constitution also empowers the States Legislatures to make laws regarding elections. Panchayat elections have been held regularly in all States except Jharkhand, where these were held up because of litigation and Jammu & Kashmir, which has its own legislation regarding Panchayats.